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BEFORE I wrote that little Book intitled, The lamentable State of Israel, Judah and Jerusalem, I had a Dream which occasioned some Concern in my Mind, which was thus, I dreamed I was in the Shambles where Beef was to be sold, and I went and took a Knife and cut a good Slice off, and took it away with me as if it had been my own, without any Conviction or secret Remorse, until I was gone off with it and was told I had stolen it; that made great Impression on my Mind, having never before been guilty of such a Crime, I was deeply smitten and bidden carry it back again and hang it up that Birds might eat of it, then I awakened out of my Sleep and wondered what the Signification of this Vision should be, it remained with me until the next Morning about the same Hour, when it was made known unto me that I had received abundance of Revelations and secret Mysteries of the Kingdom of God, and the State of this World was made known unto me, and it was not

given to me for my own Cauſe only but that others might ſhare with me.

Shew me how far I vary from Peter's Viſion of the Sheet let down from Heaven: If John Ranſome think himſelt to be a Judge of Faith and Works, whether ſhall I be juſtified by his Faith and Works or by my own Faith and Works.

Before that abuſe he gave me, I dreamed I was ſorely oppreſſed with a great Weight between my Shoulders, with a great Weight that pricked me, which I could not get rid of, I cryed out lamentably, believing it was a Judgment from God, for not doing my known Duty which I had agreed or intended to do, then I awakened out of my ſorrowful Sleep, and being thronged with the Cares of this World, I paſſed on a Week or two, until I met with a ſecond Threatning, when I thought I had been ſlain by a fall from off my Mare, again I ſeemed to meet with another Reproof or Warning, which was thus, I dreamed a Man came to me and ſaid he had a Letter for me, and ſaid it was coarſly written, but it may be I could read it, I took it and it was unſealed, folded up in two or three Folds,

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and coarſly written on every ſide, I could ſee no part free, I could not ſee or underſtand either the beginning or the end of it, but here a Word or two and there a Word or two, which gave me in ſhort to underſtand what it was, by theſe Words, what good does thy kind Salutation and Letter of Love do in this World, while thou keeps them by thee, that which was given forth by the moſt ſanctified divine Power and Spirit of God, then I awakened out of my Sleep, and what I heard and ſaw remained with me.

I having ſhewed my Commiſſion and Authority for writing and publiſhing my Books, I would have John Ranſome to ſhew me his Commiſſion for travelling abroad, and perſecuting and beating the Servants of God and grinding the Face of the Poor, I find him to be one of thoſe my Book ſo largely teſtifieth of a Murderer of the Souls of the innocent, I would he may ſeek a Place of Repentance before he go hence, otherwiſe the Books being opened, out of which this World is to be judged, he will find a fearful Doom, let him be aware of that Sin and Blaſphemy that is never to be forgiven, neither in this World neither in the World to come, let him

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be aware how he falls on the chief corner Stone, leaſt he be broken, and more eſpecially if it falls on him it will grind him to Powder, I conceit there are many ſuch Foxes in the Camp of Iſrael, that want to be ſcourged out if ever Iſrael gets through the Wilderneſs or within the Borders of the promiſed Land, I being rouſed up and having had freſh Cauſe, I cannot eaſily paſs by but ſay with the Prophet, Who hath believed our Report, and to whom is the Arm of the Lord revealed, Iſaiah Chap. liii. was it not the Word of the Lord to the old World, when he ſtrove with them by his good Spirit, to bring them to Repentance, that they might know him and fear him, and give him the Glory that was due to him, and thereby be ſaved, inſtead of that they provoked him to their own Diſtruction, it is evident he did not delight in their Death, by his ſtriving with them, as it may appear by the Text of the holy Scriptures, again when he ſent his Son into this World in the Body of Fleſh, he was both God and Man, Chriſt Jeſus whom the Prophet had ſo eminently teſtified of before he was conceived by the Virgin Mary, ſo many hundred Years before he was conceived by the Virgin Mary, declaring he ſhould weep no more at Jeruſalem,

ſalem its evident he had a foreſight of it, that he ſhould weep there, what was it for, was it not for the Love of God that conſtrained him the Man Chriſt Jeſus the Son of God to weep over Jeruſalem, ſaying, O Jeruſalem, Jeruſalem, how often would I have gathered thee, even as a Hen gathereth her Chickens under her Wings, and ye would not, and now it is hid from thy Eyes, ſuch as this is Cauſe of mourning and groaning to the Sons of God, in whom the Spirit of God dwelleth, it is the Spirit of God that mourneth and groaneth in them, under a Senſe of the Weight, as the Prophet ſetteth it forth, as a Cart loaden with Sheaves, yet this World ſo ignorant knows not the Cauſe of this Complaint of the Spirit of God, the Lamb ſlain from the Foundation of this World, the Angel of God that holdeth forth the ſealed Book, that no Man is found worthy to open, neither to look thereon, which occaſioned that beloved Deſciple of our Lord to weep as he himſelf had done over Jeruſalem, ſeeing that all Fleſh was in Danger of periſhing for Want of the Knowledge of God by his righteous Judgments, who ſaid if he came not to judge this World, no Fleſh ſhould be ſaved, Matt. xxiv. I dare ſay it was for no Worldly ends the Apoſtle John was ſo bowed in

Mind for but that he might anſwer the true Mind of God for his Glory and the Salvation of Mankind, who ſaid all the Tribes of the Earth ſhould mourn when they ſee the Sign of the Son of Man coming in the Clouds of Heaven with great Power and great Glory, who are they that looketh for ſuch a Time or the ſealed Book being opened, who are they that looketh for ſuch a Day of Judgment, who amongſt all the Teachers and Miniſters of this World are ſo concerned, for the opening of the ſealed Book, by the Line of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, now the Devil begins to fear his Kingdom, therefore he is very buſy to put a Stop to any thing that ſeems to oppoſe it by a Timely aſſault, I would this World may be aware of him, and conſider their Safety is in Jeſus Chriſt and not in Man, who knows not God, if they knew God they would know ſomething of the holy Scriptures, that teſtify of him they would witneſs a Revelation without which there is no Salvation, remember this and do not ſuffer yourſelves to be impoſed on by them that blaſpheme the Name of God for which our Lord and Saviour laid down his Life in obedience to God for the Salvation of this World, conſider it perfectly for I tell you God Almighty is

diſpleaſed with this World becauſe of their not coming to him to witneſs his ſaving Power, he will not give his Glory to another, neither his Praiſe to graven Images; the Formalities of this World, its Traditions and its Worſhip are Folly and Emptineſs, without the Virtue and the Power of the Spirit of Chriſt, who ſaid, without me ye can do nothing, therefore let it not be an idle Tale to you, as you value your own Salvation, ſeeing his choſen Apoſtles could do nothing without him, how much leſs can any in this World do any thing that will pleaſe God without him, no doubt his Apoſtles could both read and write, and were daily with him, and yet could do nothing without him, they were to wait at Jeruſalem, until they were endued with Power from on high, what is that Abomination our Lord maketh mention of, but the Works of Man without God, that the Enemy and Adverſary puts them upon in Oppoſition to God, when ye ſee the Abomination ſpoken of by Daniel the Prophet ſtanding in the holy Place or where it ought not, then fly ye to the Mountains, it appears this is the Cauſe of the Judgments of God falling on this World he putteth them in Mind of the Judgment of God falling in the Deſtruction of Sodom by Fire and Brimſtone, being

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rained down from Heaven, consuming them in a Moment; wait to be endued with Power from on high, there is nothing else that can overcome the Devil and this wicked World, with all its Train of Sin and Wickedness, and its Idolatrous Forms, all which is that Abomination spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, observed by our Lord its standing where it ought not, in that which ought to be the holy place unto the Lord, instead of that it is filled with all the Abominations of this wicked World which the Devil is the Author and the cause of in Opposition to God, and his Son Jesus Christ, which is the Cause of the threatning Judgments of God, that hangeth over this World, and certainly will be poured down, if they do not repent as Nineveh of Old did at Jonas preaching, remember the word of the Angel that John saw flying through the midst of Heaven, saying with a loud Voice, to all them that dwelleth on the Earth fear God and give Glory to him that made Heaven and Earth, the Seas and Fountains of Waters, worship ye him for the Hour of his Judgment is come, this Judgment is here on this side of the Grave, while Men are here on Earth; Heaven and Earth shall pass away, saith our great Lord, but my Words shall not pass away until all be fulfilled, but of

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that Day and Hour knoweth no Man, no not the Angels of Heaven, but my Father only which is in Heaven, he knew the Time beſt when he would reveal his Son, the Lamb of God, ſlain from the Foundation of this World, he knew beſt when he would finiſh the Myſtery of God as he had declared to his Servants the Prophets, the Time when and the way how appeareth to be at the opening of the ſealed Book, by the Line of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, that prevailed to take the Book out of the Angel s Hand, to looſe the Seals and read thereon, and it is become a trying Time to ſome in this World, altho' others will not ſee it, a ſhaking Time, a great Earthquake as John calls it, when all the Tribes of the Earth mourn, yet ſome there be I ſay that will not ſee it, whom I will direct to the 21 Chap. of the Revelations of John Verſe the 8th. where they may read their Doom; can we have a better Teacher than the Angel of God the Lamb ſlain from the Foundation of this World, that now is come to take his Power to himſelf and make himſelf known unto this World, he is not come to ſet up Formalities and out-ſide Traditions, he is not come to direct you to outward Worſhips and Temples made with Hands, he moveth in the Hearts

and Minds of Men that they may fear him and give him Glory, then this will look like true Worſhip, John telleth us he ſaw no Temple in new Jeruſalem, the Lord God and the Lamb is the Temple thereof, and the Cities of the Nations that are ſaved muſt walk in its Light, this Diſcourſe ſeemeth to point at two Kingdoms here on Earth, the Kingdom of Chriſt and the Kingdom of Anti-Chriſt the Devil's Kingdom, and the Apoſtle telleth us, the Lamb and the Saints ſhall have the Victory, and the Devil and his Angels muſt be caſt down, and woe unto the Inhabitants of the Earth and the Sea, for the Devil is come down unto you, having great Wrath becauſe he knows he has but a ſhort Time to reign, have you never read of the uncorrupt Light of the Law that was to be given forth unto this World by his Sons whom ye have kept ſhut up, reckoned them amongſt Tranſgreſſors Luke xxii. 37 yet has he done no Violence, he has made his Grave with the Wicked, and with the Rich in his Death, Iſaiah liii. can you believe that this is a Day of Judgment, if you cannot believe, you can neither fear him neither give him glory, then you are no Worſhipers of him, read Iſaiah xxxii. xxxiii. xxxiv. xxxv, John telleth us, the Fearful, the unbelieving, the

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Abominable, the Murderers, the Sorcerers, the Idolators and all Liars ſhall have their Part in the lake that burneth with Fire and Brimſtone, which is the ſecond Death, Rev. xxi. If you do not believe that this is the Teſtament and Judgment of Chriſt and his Apoſtles and Prophets, how can you believe that there is a God, who is come to redeem this World by Judgment and her Converts through Righteouſneſs who teſtified if he came not no Fleſh ſhould be ſaved, ſee for yourſelves, ſearch the Scriptures, and come unto him, for if the Blind leads the Blind they will undoubtedly both fall into the Ditch, it is his own Teſtament, and that is for the ſake of his own Elect that he is now come, otherwiſe no Fleſh ſhould be ſaved, what will it avail a Man if he had the whole World for a Moment and loſe his own Soul for ever; when God Almighty has ſent his Son for Man's Salvation and they regard it not, what can they look for more than eternal Torment; he has a long Time hovered over this World and ſtriven with them by his own good Spirit, and verily the Time is nigh expired, the Harveſt over, and they ungathered to God, but beating and perſecuting his Servants, and giving his Praiſe and Glory to another, thus heightening the Wrath of God and bringing it

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on themſelves, who deſtroyed the old World in a Moment even ſo ſhould the coming of the Son of Man be in his Day, in a Day and Hour when they ſhould not be aware of him in the Clouds of Heaven, or miniſtring Angels amongſt the Sons of Men, whom he would ſend as when he overthrew Sodom and Gomorah and the neghbouring Cities, it is likely he will not make choice of Many of the Collegians and great Biſhops of this World, that deck themſelves with Silver and Gold, and coſtly Cloathing, they who take his Glory and Praiſe to themſelves, and yet knows not his Witneſſes mentioned in the 11th. Chap. of the Revelations of John, the Son of Man will make Choice of them who has received his Witneſs moſt fit to go his Errand, they that receive them receive him, and they that deny them deny him, whom the Father ſent and now again is ſending, for the Salvation of this World, as many as receive him he will give them Power to become the Sons of God, whom he will ſend for Judgment and for Righteouſneſs, for Judgment that the Prince of this World may be judged, and for Righteouſneſs that God the Father may be glorified theſe are of his Valiants that the prophet telleth us are cloathed in Scarlet, yet he ſaw Sackcloth underneath

neath, John telleth us they are clothed in Sackcloth, and that they have Power to ſhut Heaven, that it rain not in the Days of their Prophecy, yet he ſaw a Beaſt riſe out of the Earth which had Horns like a Lamb, which made war againſt them, and overcame them, and killed them and their dead Bodies laid three Days and a half in the Streets of Spiritual Sodom and Egypt, where our Lord was crucified, and they of the Nations made merry over them, and would not ſuffer their dead Bodies to be put in Graves, becauſe theſe two Prophets tormented them that dwelt on the Earth after three Days and a half, the Spirit of Life from God entered them, and he called up his two Witneſſes in them and they ſtood on their Feet, and great Fear fell on them that ſaw them, and there was a great Earthquake ſuch as never was ſince the Foundation of this World, ſo mighty and ſo great, and the great City was divided into three Parts, and the Cities of the Nations they fell and great Babylon came up in Remembrance before God, to give unto her the Cup of the Wine of the Wrath of God, Myſtery Babylon, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of all the Earth, for in her was found the Blood of Saints and Prophets, and all the Martyrs of Jeſus; one might believe that this

Teſtimony with the holy Scriptures might be enough to open the blind Eyes of this World and unſtop their deaf Ears, that they might come to ſee and hear the Voice of the Son of God, and come forth of their Graves, ſome to the Reſurrection of Life, and ſome to the Reſurrection of Shame and everlaſting contempt, yet we ſee the Beaſt that reſembles the Lamb is turning Head and Face, again purſuing the Servants of God, as Enemies and Fugitives that intended to involve them in Confuſion, I cannot eaſily go by without ſaying, what would this Idolatrous proud People be at, when the Prophet has ſaid they ſhall certainly drink of this Cup, Jeremiah Chap. xxv. ver. 28 to the end of the Chap. Rev. Chap. xvi. I do verily believe there is not one amongſt a thouſand that knows any thing of his Judgment or Viſitation from Heaven, more than was a hundred Years ſince, in the breaking forth of the Goſpel Day, the Witneſs of God lyeth ſlain and buried in their Hearts, that Life which is the Light of Men, if any thing would enlighten their Underſtandings, they will ſhut their Eyes and ſtop their Ears, Formality is enough for them, they are hard put to it to maintain it, here is a Spiritual Jeruſalem that is full of bloody Crimes, and a Spiritual Babylon and a Spiritual Sodom and Egypt,

Egypt, which was the Cauſe of Fire and Brimſtone being rained down from Heaven of old, and deſtroyed them and their Cities in a Moment, and what more Aſſurance has any in this World now then they had in their Days, read Iſaiah xxxii. xxxiii. xxxiv. xxxv. Fly for your Lives to the Mountains, or that revealing Power that made Heaven and Earth, for the Smoke of his burning is nigh at Hand, even at your Doors, there is no Lamentation can drive it back; all the Merchant Traders in Ceremonies that have been made rich by the Reaſon of her Coſtlineſs cannot hinder the Smoke of her Burning, read Rev. xvii. xviii. and take Counſel of our Lord, fly for your Lives while you have a Day and Hour without the Fear of God, who is highly provoked with his Creation that liveth without his Fear covering themſelves with the Duſt of the Earth, where the Serpent has his Way amongſt the Sons of Men, leads them what way he pleaſeth to and fro in the Earth with himſelf, walking up and down in it, without perceiving the Hand of God that ought to lead them whom they ought to fear, the Fear of God is the Beginning of Wiſdom, and to depart from Iniquity is a good Underſtanding, the Deſign of my Labour is to ſet forth Light and Darkneſs the two

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oppoſite Spirits, the Spirit of our Lord Chriſt and the Spirit of Anti-Chriſt the great Uſurper, that is the Cauſe of the threatning Judgments and firey Indignations of an offended and greatly provoked God, of whoſe Judgments this World has had a Taſte many Times, and yet aſſuredly will have, altho' the Language of the Spirit is a Sealed Book to them, that neither the Learned nor the Unlearned could attain unto, to underſtand they have confeſſed they knew them not, no Man neither in Heaven, neither on Earth, no not the Angels of Heaven know not the Time when nor the way how, the Father only which was in Heaven, who ſenthis Son to hold forth the ſealed Book, which the Line of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David prevailed to take out of the Angel's Hands to looſe the Seals and read thereon, which was a Miracle that God Almighty gave him Power to do, the Time being come that God would viſit this World, and make his Son known to it, by his own mighty Power, which it is evident no other Power could do but his own, it is himſelf that maketh the ſecret things of his Kingdom known, John telleth us he ſaw new Jeruſalem coming down from God out of Heaven as a Bride adorned for her Husband, a happy

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Change when the old is overthrown he will make all things anew, a new Heaven, and a new Earth wherein dwelleth Righteouſneſs, here is the Lamb's Wife, he will give her a new Song that no Man can learn but the hundred and forty four thouſand, which are redeemed from the Earth, they are firſt Fruits unto the Lord God and the Lamb, they are not defiled with Miniſters, they are Virgins, they follow the Lamb whitherſoever he goeth, they ſing the Song of Moſes, the Servant of God, and the Song of the Lamb, glory to God in the Higheſt, and Peace and Good-will here on Earth.

Read John the 1ſt. Chap. and obſerve what he ſaith In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God, the ſame was in the Beginning with God, all things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made in him was Life, and that Life was the Light of Men, God has given a Meaſure of his own Spirit to all Mankind, to profit with, a Share of his own Spirit, to be a Light to them to teach them how to live and walk before him, whereby to improve that Talent of Grace and good Spirit, and thereby to become Servants to him, and one unto another, but no otherways, but by his

own good Spirit of Life and Light, whereby Men are required to improve their Talents, as you may read in the Parable concerning the ſlothful Servant that was to be bound Hand and Foot, and caſt into utter Darkneſs, where there ſhould be weeping and wailing and gnaſhing of Teeth, it is for want of minding that Life which is the Light of Men, has God forſaken this World, or this World has forſaken him, and ſought out other Inventions, other fooliſh Devices, and ſo has forgotten him Days without Number; the Prieſts preach for Hire, and the Prophets divine for Money, and the People love to have it ſo, the Prieſts and the Prophets and the People not regarding that Life which is the Light of Men, I ſay has God forſaken this World, or this World has forſaken him when they ſay there is no ſuch a thing as was in the Apoſtles Days, theſe be Witneſſes againſt themſelves, that they know not God, and yet take upon themſelves to direct others the Way to Heaven, they being Strangers to that Life which John telleth us is the Light of Men, a diſmal State indeed, when theſe are the Miniſters of this World, and confeſs they know not that Life which is the Light of Men, knows not the Word, knows not God, and yet I ſay take upon themſelves to direct others

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the Way to Heaven, having gotten the Letter of the Word by Stealth, which they call the Goſpel, they can read or ſay a Homily over, which is not the Goſpel, the Goſpel is the Power of God unto Salvation, by which his Sheep knows his Voice and follows him, and the Voice of a Stanger they will not follow; it is not like the Voice of the Son of God who ſpoke as never Man ſpoke, but like one having authority, and not like the Scribes and Phariſees, he was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt and born of the Virgin Mary and promiſed to be with his unto the end of this World; altho' he was taken away he would pray unto the Father that he would ſend them another Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghoſt that would bring all things to their Remembrance this life and light that the Father of Spirits has given will yet ſpread itſelf through Kingdoms and Nations, this Spirit of Life and Light is what maketh Citizens of new Jeruſalem, John telleth us he ſaw no Temple in it, the Lord God and the Lamb is the Temple thereof, this inward and heavenly City needeth no outward Lights to ſet forth its inward Glory, all the Work of God is full of Glory, and the Kings of the Earth will bring their Honour and Glory into it, and the Nations of them

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that are ſaved muſt walk in its Light, in this Mountain will God make a Feaſt of fat things, of Wines and Lees well refined and full of Marrow, in this Mountain will he rent the Vale of the Covering, that is ſpread over the Face of all Nations, and call them to the great Marriage Supper of his Son, it is by this Life and Light that we come to be united to thoſe that are come to Mount Zion, the Heavenly City, new Jeruſalem, the City of the living God, and to the innumerable Company of Angels, and unto the general Aſſembly of the Church of the firſt-born, whoſe Names are written in Heaven and unto God the Judge of all, and unto his Son Jeſus the Mediator of the new Covenant, unto him and the Father be Glory and Dominion for ever. Amen.

This is a very fine Attainment, but verily my Friend, methinks I ſee an innumerable Company of Angels and falſe Prophets of all Ranks and Societies that have never come at Mount Zion, neither within the Gates of the Heavenly City new Jeruſalem, traveling with their Faces towards Spiritual Sodom and Egypt following Anti-Chriſt, he is heading his Army leading them forwards and John Ranſome at his Heels as chief General of all his Forces, theſe will

will all look to be juſtified, but God is the Judge, let them be aware of that Fire and Brimſtone, that was rained down from Heaven on the old Inhabitants and conſumed them and their Cities in a Moment, there is no Fig-Leaf Coverings that can hide any from the Preſence of the living God, no outward Shew of Religion, no Self-Righteouſneſs, they are all as filthy Rags, or a monſtrous Garment, they muſt put them all off before they can draw nigh unto God, as certainly as ever Moſes was commanded to put off his Shoes from off his Feet when God ſpoke to him out of the midſt of the Burning Buſh that remained unconſumed by the Fire of the Word, there was ſeen in a Viſion about two Years ſince, three fine Drinking Glaſſes ſtanding that fell all aſſunder without any thing viſibly touching them, and a Voice was heard ſay, I will deſtroy this World in like manner; three Glaſſes may ſignify three Parts out of four that God would deſtroy, which might be a frightful Sight to them that ſee it.

I have gone a great length through this Earth, in rough and unknown Paths, may it tend to the Profit and Advantage of others, and the Diſcharge

of my Duty is the end I aim at, then I ſhall take in my Commiſſion deſiring within the Gates of the Holy City to remain, until my Change may be where I would all may come, ſave the Son of Perdition, that wiſheth not well to Zion and her King, let his Habitation be called the Field of Blood, concludeth, he that has ſeen theſe things in his Paſſage through the Deeps and remaineth a well-wiſher of Souls.

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